

REMARKS**I. STATUS OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-3 and 5-10 are currently pending.

By this amendment, claims 1, 5 and 6 has been amended. These amendments are believed to be supported for example by at least the disclosure at paragraphs [0104]-[0108] and [0160] of this specification. No new matter is believed to have been added by the amendment.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-3 and 5-10 would still be pending.

II. CLAIM REJECTIONS:

Claims 1-3 and 5-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshikawa (US 6,633,629).

Claim 1 is directed to an apparatus including a memory storing preset drive information of each of the optical adjusting members which include a preset speed and a preset position; a controller performing a preset drive control for controlling the drive of each of the optical adjusting members on the basis of the preset drive information, the controller performing the preset drive control so as to include a state in which the plurality of the optical adjusting members are simultaneously driven; and a selection member being operated for selecting a set condition of drive speeds of the plurality of optical adjusting members out of a plurality of set conditions. The controller sets the drive speeds in the preset drive control in accordance with the set condition selected with the selection member.

As further amended, in claim 1, one of the plurality of set conditions is to set the drive speed of a first optical adjusting member out of the plurality of optical adjusting members to the preset speed stored in the memory, and to set the drive speed of a second optical adjusting member calculated from the drive speed of the first optical adjusting member such that the drive

of the plurality of optical adjusting members up to the preset positions stored in the memory are is substantially simultaneously completed.

It is respectfully submitted that Yoshikawa does not teach or suggest an optical adjusting member and associated language as reflected in claim 1. The term “optical adjusting member” for example refers to a member included in an optical system of an optical apparatus, such as a zoom lens, a focus lens and an iris. That is, the optical adjusting member is not a switch such as switches 20-23 of Yoshikawa.

Further, Yoshikawa does not disclose or suggest that a drive speed of a second optical adjusting member is calculated from a drive speed of a first optical adjusting member and set such that the drive of a plurality of optical adjusting members up to the preset position stored in the memory are substantially simultaneously completed. On the contrary, Yoshikawa simply teaches that, in order to memorize a preset speed, the switches 24 and 21 are simultaneously turned on (see Yoshikawa, column 13, lines 19-21).

In view of the foregoing, claim 1 and its dependent claims are believed to be distinguishable over the cited reference. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

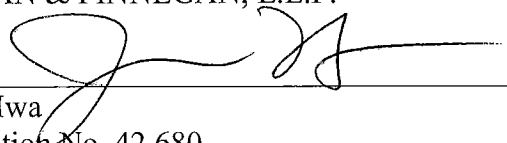
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5356.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5356.

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